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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97(b)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

The references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 (1 sheet, submitted in duplicate) were brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application in the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 22, 2001.

Although each item on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 was cited to, or cited by, the Office in a prior related case, Application No. 09/673,406, filed October 17, 2000, to which priority is claimed in the present application, copies of the references cited are enclosed as a courtesy.

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The following documents are enclosed in connection with the above-referenced patent application:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97(b) (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) (submitted in duplicate);
3. Copies of Seven (7) References Cited; and
4. Return Receipt Postcard.

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